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"Extract from Entry From Marquis KIDO's Diary. 19 APR 41."

April 19th. 1941 - (Extract.)

From 1:20 p.m. to 1:43 p.m. I was received in audience by the Emperor and reported Japan's relations with the U.S. and also German-Soviet relations. Ambassador KURUSU came to report to the Throne. I was allowed to hear his report. I talked with Premier KONOYE concerning Ambassador NOMURA's request for instructions. It was our conclusion to endeavor to realize this. That we must make careful study in order to keep good faith with Germany and Italy, and at the same time not interfere with the establishment of a new order in the Greater East Asia Co-prosperity Sphere, which is our fixed national policy.

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